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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year

1971

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To: The Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Farnham

September, 1972.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the health of the Farnham Urban District for the year 1971.

The estimated population of the District increased from 30,090 in 1970 to 31,300 in 1971. The Birth Rate, 14.6 per 1,000 of the estimated population was lower than the national figure of 16.0 while the Death Rate of 9.2 per 1,000 of the estimated population was well below the national figure of 11.6.

In the past mortality from Infectious Diseases was the main hazard in life. Today statistics indicate that the main hazard arises from conditions which are to a great extent self-induced, by wrong eating habits, lack of regular exercise, smoking and a sustained level of mental tension and chronic anxiety. Thus premature deaths from coronary thrombosis and other heart diseases, cerebro-vascular accidents (strokes) and cancer of the lung tend to occur more frequently as the cause of death. In Farnham in 1971 over 40% of all deaths were due to heart conditions, cerebro-vascular accidents and cancer of the lung. Rather less than 50% of all deaths were in persons over the age of 75 years.

Following the report of the Royal College of Physicians, a comprehensive memorandum on the hazards of smoking and its relationship to lung cancer and other diseases, was submitted to the Council, and this received press publicity in South-West Surrey. I am gratified that senior pupils in some schools in this District have shown a continuing concern about this hazard to health.

The urgent necessity of passing important information in respect of international travellers still applies. All contacts from Smallpox endemic areas coming into this country from abroad were checked. Contacts from Cholera endemic areas were also carefully checked on their return. Surveillance of cases of Dysentery and Food Poisoning continues, and all necessary advice is given, persons being suspended from Food Handling duties where this is necessary in the interests of public health.

The epidemic of Asian 'Flu on the Continent during the late autumn did not spread to this country, and few cases of Influenza occurred in Farnham.

At the Farnham Hospital the new block was opened in October by the Rt.Hon. Maurice Macmillan, Member of Parliament for Farnham. It contains a new ward block of 31 orthopaedic beds and 32 geriatric beds, the wards being named Boundstone East and Boundstone West respectively. It also contains a geriatric day hospital and catering department consisting of kitchen and staff dining room.

During the year work commenced on the building for the new Central Sterile Supplies Department and Area Laundry in the grounds of Farnham Hospital. In the Hospital itself a special care baby unit of 6 cots and 6 incubators was opened on 20th October while on the 1st March a small day bed unit of 5 beds was opened.

This has been a busy year for the Public Health Committee on Sewage problems. Outstanding progress was made in main drainage projects and surface water drainage. The Sewage Works Extensions at the Town Drainage Works were completed at the end of the year and were opened in 1972 before publication of this report.

Individual smaller drainage schemes were completed in areas where problems existed, as at Rowhills, Lickfolds Road and Frensham Vale.

Surface water drainage schemes at Hale and Bourne Mill have been undertaken.

The Comprehensive Survey of all older properties commenced in 1970 was completed at the end of 1971. A report on this immense task is presented by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

I would like to express my grateful thanks to the Chairman of the Council, and the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support and interest.

I acknowledge the sterling work of the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, the Chief Public Health Inspector and the staff of the Public Health Department during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

MARGARET A. POLLOCK.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

	1970		1971	
GENERAL STATISTICS				
Area in acres	9,039		9,039	
Estimated resident population at 30th June (per Registrar General's Estimate)	30,175		31,300	
Number of inhabited houses, according to Rate Books (at 1st April following year).	10,597	10,749	10,965	11,113
Shops & Business premises with dwellings	152		148	
Number of houses owned by the local authority	1,680		1,708	
Rateable value (as at 1st April following year)	£1,943,480		£2,015,839	
Product of 1p rate (estimated)	£19,200		£19,850	

THE SEX AND AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS during 1971 is given below:-

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Under 4 weeks	2	2	4
4 weeks and under 1 year	-	1	1
1 - 4 years	-	1	1
5 - 14 years	1	-	1
15 - 24 years	3	1	4
25 - 34 years	-	1	1
35 - 44 years	3	6	9
45 - 54 years	13	8	21
55 - 64 years	29	23	52
65 - 74 years	67	35	102
75 and over	63	126	189

The Registrar-General's analysis of the causes of deaths assigned to the district during 1971 is as follows:-

DISEASE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	1	1
Other tuberculosis	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.,	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	3	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	4	9
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	4	9	13
Malignant neoplasm, larynx	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	20	6	26
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	2	-	2
Leukaemia	-	3	3
Other malignant neoplasms	4	14	18
Diabetes mellitus	-	2	2
Other endocrine etc. diseases	-	1	1
Anaemias	2	-	2
Multiple sclerosis	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system	2	1	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	5	5
Hypertensive disease	-	2	2
Ischaemic heart disease	60	34	94
Other forms of heart disease	8	18	26
Cerebrovascular disease	18	23	41
Other diseases of circulatory system	11	18	29
Pneumonia	14	16	30
Bronchitis and emphysema	15	4	19
c/forward	169	171	339

DISEASE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
b/forward	169	171	340
Asthma	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	4	5
Peptic ulcer	-	3	3
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	4	4
Other diseases of digestive system	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	2	2	4
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	7	7
Congenital anomalies	3	1	4
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	2	3
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	-	4	4
All other accidents	3	3	6
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	-	1	1
Total	181	204	385

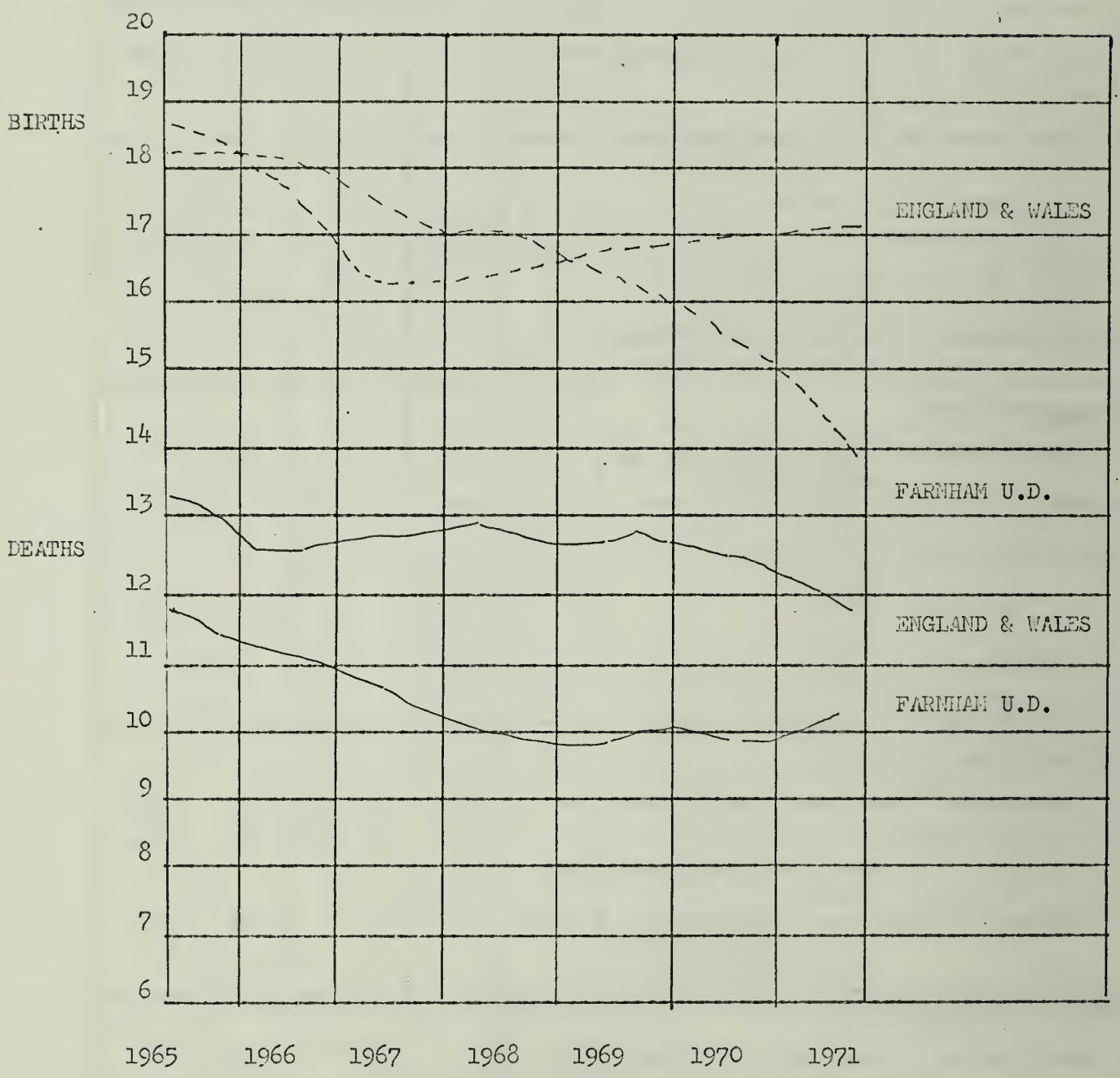
VITAL STATISTICS - FARNHAM URBAN DISTRICT 1971

	FARNHAM URBAN DISTRICT				ENGLAND & WALES
	Males	Females	Total 1971	Total 1970	TOTAL 1971
Estimated mid-year home population	-	-	31,300	31,172	48,815,000
Live births					
Total	221	203	424	428	784,482
Legitimate	209	190	399	401	717,491
Illegitimate	12	13	25	27	65,674
Stillbirths					
Total	1	2	3	1	9,898
Legitimate	1	2	3	1	8,826
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	1,072
Total live and still births					
Total	222	205	427	429	793,063
Legitimate	210	192	402	402	726,317
Illegitimate	12	13	25	27	66,746
Deaths of Infants under 1 yr of age					
Total	2	3	5	7	13,726
Legitimate	2	3	5	7	12,140
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	1,586
Under 4 weeks of age					
Total	2	2	4	7	9,113
Legitimate	2	2	4	7	8,121
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	992
Under 1 week of age					
Total	2	2	4	6	7,750
Legitimate	2	2	4	6	6,903
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	847
Deaths - all ages	181	204	385	401	567,345

	FARNHAM URBAN DISTRICT		ENGLAND AND WALES	
	1971	1970	1971	1970
Live birth rates, etc.				
Live births per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	13.5	13.6	16.0	16.00
Area comparability factor	1.08	1.08	1.00	1.00
Local adjusted rate	14.6	14.07	16.0	16.00
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.91	.92	1.00	1.00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	6	8	8	8
Still birth rate				
Still births per 1,000 total live and still births	7	7	12	13
Infant mortality rates				
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	12	24	18	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 yr per 1,000 legitimate live births	13	26	17	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	-	24	26
Neonatal mortality rate				
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	9	17	12	12
Early neonatal mortality rate				
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births	9	15	10	11
Perinatal mortality rate				
Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births	16	22	22	23
Death rates etc - all ages				
Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	12.3	14.3	11.6	11.7
Area comparability factor	.75	.75	1.00	1.00
Local adjusted rate	9.2	10.7	11.6	11.7
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	.80	.92	1.00	1.00

GRAPH SHOWING BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION

* Figures after correction by the Registrar-General's comparability factor.



LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory examination of clinical material in respect of infectious diseases are carried out at the Farnham Hospital Laboratory.

Milk samples, cream, ice-cream and water are examined at the Guildford Public Health Laboratory as required.

Samples for examination under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 and relevant Acts, Regulations and Orders are sent to Mr. J.A. Falgrave the Council's Public Analyst, whose laboratories are at 16, Southwark St, London S.E.1.

Examinations carried out during the year were:-

FOOD & DRUGS

Analysis		75
Bacteriological	Milk	106
	Ice-cream	14
	Cream	-

WATER (PUBLIC SUPPLY)

Chemical Analysis	-
Bacteriological examination	4

WATER (BATHING BATHS)

Bacteriological examination	33

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Examination of faeces	75

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The County Ambulance Control Headquarters is at Banstead and the service is operated without regard to district boundaries. There is an Ambulance Station in Farnham and contact is maintained by radio. In the course of their work, vehicles from Farnham carry patients from neighbouring areas and vehicles from Guildford and other stations serve Farnham from time to time. The figures for the Farnham station, where there are three ambulances and two sitting case vehicles, are as follows:-

Patients carried	15,925	(excluding 710 emergencies and 58 maternity)
Miles	118,712	

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

The Hospital Car Service plays a considerable part in transporting hospital outpatients who are able to walk. There are 12 drivers in the Farnham area who are directed from the central office in Guildford, to anywhere in the surrounding area where their services are required.

HOME NURSING AND HEALTH VISITORS

There are two part-time Midwives working in the Farnham area. Between them they care for all those mothers discharged from hospital - many mothers are now discharged from hospital 48 hours after the delivery.

Seven District Nurses are attached to Groups of General Practitioners whose patients they attend. Two part-time nurses undertake holiday relief and additional work in the Farnham area.

The duties of the seven Farnham Health Visitors continue to increase. They continue to work in attachment to group practices and individual general practitioners. The Health Visitor attends the Infant Welfare Clinic run by her own practitioner within the County Council premises. Duties include the visiting of new babies, young mothers, nurseries and schools, lectures for expectant mothers and fathers and health education generally. Visits to the elderly in a practice are numerous and time consuming.

HOME HELP SERVICE

During 1971, responsibility for the Home Help Service was transferred to the new County Social Services Department. The Headquarters of the Farnham Area Department is situated at Artington House, Portsmouth Rd, Guildford, and there is a sub-office at Brightwells Health Centre, where a Home Help Organiser can be contacted each Wednesday morning between 10 - 12 noon.

During the past year an average of 23 Home Helps and 8 Neighbour Helps have been deployed in the Farnham Urban District area and an average of about 120 patients are given assistance each week. The Farnham Social Services Area has one Senior Home Help Organiser and one Home Help Organiser.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

This service for expectant mothers, handicapped persons and the elderly, which includes domiciliary treatment, is administered by the County Council.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

The weekly sessions continued in the Central Car Park each Wednesday throughout the year. Details of the service is as follows:-

	Number x-rayed
General Practitioner Chest x-ray service	563
Normal Radiography (General Public, Industry etc)	1606

HOSPITALS AND HOSPITAL CLINICS

South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board

Farnham is in the area of the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. HOSPITALS serving the district are as follows:-

General

Farnham Hospital, Farnham	288 beds (including 24 maternity)
Green Lane Hospital, Farnham	52 beds
Trimmers Hospital, Farnham	31 beds

Infectious Diseases

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham	12 beds

Chest Hospitals

Milford Chest Hospital King Geo.V. Hospital for Chest Diseases	(Not Farnham Group)

FARNHAM HOSPITAL

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In 1972 it is planned that the existing Farnham Group Hospital Management Committee should be amalgamated with the Brookwood Hospital Management Committee under a reconstituted Farnham and Brookwood Hospital Management Committee to manage an enlarged group containing both general and psychiatric beds.

During 1971 (as in 1970) it was once more found necessary to restrict the opening hours of the Casualty Department from time to time due to the inability to recruit the full establishment of Casualty Officers. During these closures, cover was provided by the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, with assistance from the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey.

Work on the new District General Hospital at Frimley continues and though slightly behind schedule the building is now 'watertight' and the interior is now being completed.

The work carried out in the departments of Farnham Hospital during the year is summarised below:-

	* 1971	* 1970
Outpatient consultative clinics	30978	30540
In-patients	7090	6944
Accident and Emergency	11215	15320
Maternity	882	887

TRINITY HOSPITAL

This Hospital continues to work closely with Farnham Hospital.

	1971	1970
Outpatients	313	188
In-patients	891	918

GREEN LANE HOSPITAL

Outpatients	Nil	Nil
In-patients	235	293

ORTHOPAEDIC TREATMENT

Clinics are held as follows:-

Farnham Hospital

Alt. Mondays	2.30 p.m.
Tuesday	2.30 p.m.
Wednesday	1.45 p.m.
Wednesday	2.30 p.m. Fracture Clinic

Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton.
(Not part of Farnham Group)

NOTE: * These figures exclude 2204 maternity attendances at Brightwells Clinic for whom appointment and nursing staff are provided by Farnham Hospital.

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

A Clinic is held at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, as follows:-

Mondays (Females)	3 - 4.30 p.m.
Fridays (Females)	3 - 4.30 p.m.
Mondays (Males)	5 - 6.30 p.m.
Wednesdays (Males)	5 - 6.30 p.m.

A Clinic is also held at The Aldershot General Hospital as follows:-

Mondays (Females)	11.a.m. - 12 noon.
Wednesdays (Females)	2 - 4 p.m.
Mondays (Males)	12 noon - 1.p.m.
Wednesdays (Males)	4 - 6 p.m.

Of the patients attending the above Clinics during 1971, in male patients there were seven cases of gonorrhoea, ten cases of other sexually transmitted disease and nineteen patients were found to be free from infection.

In female patients, there were two cases of gonorrhoea, eleven cases of other sexually transmitted disease and eight patients were found to be free of infection.

CHEST CLINICS

Clinic	Address	Day and Time for Attendance
Farnham	Northfield Hospital Aldershot	Wednesday 9.30 - 1 p.m. Friday 9.30.a.m. & 2.30 p.m.
	Bronchitic Clinic	2nd Friday in month 2.15.p.m.
	Farnham Hospital (Out-patients)	Alt. Mondays 2.p.m.
	Old Police Station, Frimley	Alt. months 2.30.p.m. 1st Tuesday.

MORTUARY

The mortuary at Farnham Hospital receives, by arrangement, bodies from the District and the surrounding Hampshire area served by the Farnham Hospital Group. This mortuary was modernised in 1957, including the provision of refrigerated storage.

The number of bodies admitted to this mortuary during 1971 is analysed below:-

Hospital Deaths	467
County Welfare Home Deaths	23
Brought in dead (including Police cases)	159
Admitted from other Hospitals	34
	683

CLINICS and other SERVICES provided by the COUNTY COUNCIL

Maternity and Child Welfare

CENTRE	ADDRESS	DAY OF CLINIC
Farnham Town	Farnham Health Centre Brightwells, East St.,	Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-4 p.m.
Rowledge	The Institute	2nd & 4th Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.
Lower Bourne	St. Martins Church Hall	1st & 3rd Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.
Hale	The Institute	Fridays 2-4 p.m.
Seyhourne	Village Hall	Every Tuesday 2-4 p.m. except last in month

Clinics held at Farnham Health Centre, Brightwells, East Street, are as follows:-

CLINIC	DAYS AND TIMES
School Medical & Immunisation	1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
Ante Natal	Wednesdays 1.30 - 5.p.m. (Every other Monday afternoon) (By appointment only)
Dental	Monday to Friday 9.30 - 12.30. 1.30 - 5.p.m. By Appointment.
Ophthalmic	2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. By Appointment.
Child Guidance	Monday to Friday 9.45 a.m. - 5.p.m. By Appointment.
Cervical Cytology	Wednesday mornings by appointment.

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY

The Cervical Cytology service at the Farnham Hospital Group Laboratory provides for the examination of cervical smears, submitted by General Practitioners, Consultant Gynaecologists and Family Planning Clinics.

All women attending for post natal examination with the General Practitioner should seek advice concerning the appropriate times to attend for cervical smears to be taken.

The Cervical Cytology Clinic held at the Farnham Health Centre has had a much busier year. 287 patients were seen of which 104 were new and 183 were follow-ups. Many patients were referred to their G.P's for further observation or treatment.

The mammogram service provided at The Royal Surrey County Hospital has proved invaluable, many patients being referred to their G.P's and many have been reassured.

ASSISTED BURIAL:
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948, Sec.50.

Under this section, the local authority is responsible for the burial or cremation of the body of any person who has died in the district (other than in a hospital) without having any known relative or financial means, or for which no suitable funeral arrangements are made by any other person.

No action was necessary under this section in 1971.

CARE OF THE AGED:
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948, Sec.47.

It was not necessary to take any statutory action under this section during the year, in respect of the removal of persons in need of care and attention.

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

WOMEN'S ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

This service is operated from the W.R.V.S. Centre, Brightwells, under the guidance of Mrs. I. Addison the Centre Organiser. Among the many activities are the following:-

Darby & Joan Clubs

These are for men and women over the age of 60 and meetings are held as follows:-

The Ridgway Club meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the afternoons at the Bourne Hall. Leader Mrs. Mason, Harefields, Great Austins, Farnham.

Lower Bourne Club meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at St.Martins Hall. Leader Mrs.Clough, Longdown Cottage, Burnt Hill Road, Lr. Bourne, Farnham.

Badshot Lea Club meet on alternate Mondays at the Working Men's Club. Leader Mrs. Harrold, Claremont Lodge, The Green, Badshot Lea. Telephone Aldershot 2656.

Hale Club meet on alternate Tuesdays at the Hale Institute. Leader Mrs. Owen, The Glen, Upper Hale, Farnham.

Weybourne Club meet on the last Tuesday in the month at the Village Hall. Leader Mrs. Allender, 6 Weybourne Rd, Farnham.

Wrecclesham Club meet on the last Thursday in the month at the Village Hall. Leader Miss Murray, 3 Cedar Court, Castle Hill, Farnham.

Meals on Wheels

This service delivers meals to old people and to housebounds or invalids at a cost of 8p. Since October 1971 meals on wheels are delivered five days a week Monday to Friday. Number of meals sent out in 1971 was 17,468 compared with 13,227 in 1970.

This service also operates a free lending library.

International Club

This is [illegible] for men and women students of all nationalities. It is open every Thursday from 7.p.m. to 10.15.p.m. Games, refreshments and summer expeditions are organised.

Baby Sitting

This very useful service is organised by the W.R.V.S. to whom application for enrolment, either as a sitter or parent should be made. In the interests of both parents and sitters, references are taken up for both parties. The charge is 25p an hour and 30p after 11. p.m. Reasonable notice is required as many sitters are not on the telephone.

Night Attendance Scheme

This is organised by the W.R.V.S. and provides reliable attendants (not trained nurses) to sit up at night with patients whose families cannot look after them night and day. There is a charge which can be subsidised if necessary.

Hospital Canteen

This canteen, situated in the Outpatients Department of Barnham Hospital, is staffed by the W.R.V.S. It provides refreshments for patients, staff and visitors. It is open from 10 a.m. to 12 mid-day, and 2 - 4 p.m. every day (Monday to Friday) and also on occasional Saturdays. Any profits go back to the hospital in the form of gifts.

Trolley Shop

The W.R.V.S. operates a Trolley Shop at St. James' and Cobgates, The Hart, for the Aged every Monday. The shop at St. James' is open in the afternoon and the one at Cobgates in the morning. Sweets, sugar, biscuits, notepaper and other small requirements are available and the shop is much appreciated. Any profit after expenses have been deducted goes back to the respective Home.

Library

The W.R.V.S. organise a Library on Friday afternoons 1.30p.m. to [illegible] p.m. at St. James' and Tuesday afternoons [illegible] p.m. to [illegible] p.m. at Cobgates.

Clothing

The [illegible].V.S. are always grateful for clothing, linen etc., in good condition. This is processed and distributed to those in need on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 2.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. at the [illegible].V.S. Office, Brightwells. Clothing can only be given to people presenting an authorisation from some responsible person, i.e. Hospital Medical Social Worker, Doctor, Probation Officer, Welfare Worker, Health Visitor etc. Surplus clothing goes to Regional [illegible] Stores and is sent abroad at the request of the International Red Cross to any disaster area.

Visiting

Old people are visited in their homes by a team of [illegible].V.S. members. This team will do shopping or help in any way possible such as solving family problems and seeing to their general welfare.

Costrey Club

The Costrey Club is a luncheon club for the over 60's. It is held in the [illegible].V.S. Centre. This is a bright and sunny room, one third of this can be shut off by folding doors to form a separate sitting room if required. A chiropody room opens off this, where members can have both feet treated for 25p. The free lending library is at one end of the sittingroom. The new Old People's Welfare Minibus is used to transport members to the Club on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Number of meals served in the Club in 1971 was 9,164 compared with a total of 8,684 in 1970.

Old People's Holidays

Holidays for the elderly are arranged at seaside resorts in the off-peak periods of May and September, when landladies will take Old Age Pensioners at cheap rates.

Children's Holidays

Holidays are arranged in the July-August period for children of very poor families, to stay with people in Farnham. [illegible] find hostesses willing to have children for a week or fortnight and arranges the holidays, providing transport to and from stations etc. Farnham sometimes gets children from London and very often the slums of Brighton. Farnham is normally a "receiving centre" but we have on occasion sent children away to the sea from Farnham when perhaps there are family reasons for this.

Farnham Hospital Voluntary Workers

[illegible] jobs [illegible] the [illegible] requires. This takes place [illegible] [illegible] is taken round [illegible] the [illegible] Red Cross trolley is not available.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Farnham Division of the British Red Cross Society has continued its service to the Community during 1971 in all its previous ways.

First Aid Help has been given at seven temporary first aid posts.

Nursing Four members help with bathing at the Woodlarks Camp nearly every night and also bath patients in their own homes.

The Red Cross library operates in local hospitals.

Welfare The Good Fellowship Club for the disabled continues its activities and help is given with transport and teas. As well as three outings and a special Christmas party, they were given a party by a friend on December 23rd.

The Forget-me-not-Club has 45 members and enjoyed several outings.

The Welfare Officer has dealt with a large number of cases, mainly elderly or handicapped and members help with visiting both at home and in the Geriatric wards.

The Trolley Shop functions on two days a week at Farnham Hospital as well as the library, and the Basket at Green Lane Hospital.

Drivers have made journeys totalling 7,750 miles and there have been 299 loans from the Red Cross Depot.

Holidays were arranged for some members of the Good Fellowship Club by the Surrey County Council for the Disabled.

Training First Aid and Nursing Courses for members were held. Dr. Baynes, Medical Officer, gave two talks on "First Aid for the Motorist", mainly for drivers. Two officers attended a meeting about finance and the acting Cadet Officer spent a week end at Barnett Hill.

Youth & Juniors An Acting Cadet Officer has recently been appointed to Cadet Unit 4558 and there are 13 Cadets. They have done a Nursing course recently and given service by shopping, unravelling wool etc, for the over 60's. They helped with the creche at the Town Show, at a Children's Home and at Farnham Hospital.

Fund-Raising As a result of fund-raising activities in 1971 it was decided to commemorate the Centenary Year by giving five teak seats to the Town, which were installed by the Farnham Council in the vicinity of Old People's Homes.

The Jumble Sales raised about £160 due to an enormous amount of hard work by the helpers.

The main effort this year was the Shop Day which resulted in a total of approximately £[illegible].

"Birdworld" of Farnham invites its visitors to contribute to the [illegible] by throwing money into the Penguin Pool and very generous donations have been received in this way.

[illegible] OF [illegible] COMMITTEE

Visiting Scheme

The Visiting Co-ordinator who started the scheme, has had to relinquish the post for personal reasons. The new Co-ordinator has quickly settled in and the scheme is making satisfactory progress. There are 37 visitors and 34 old people at present being visited regularly. 136 elderly persons were visited during the year.

The post of Visiting Organiser is a very demanding one, taking up a great deal of time, and incurring expenditure in petrol, postage and telephone. The Youth Clubs of Farnham have been helpful in chopping and bagging kindling and lumps of wood and distributing it.

Minibus

In October 1971, a Minibus was presented to the Committee by the Surrey Association for the Elderly. This vehicle is regularly used by the various Clubs, for example, The Derby & Joan Clubs and twice weekly by The Geriatric Club. It was much in demand over the Christmas period. However, it is not used to capacity through lack of a regular driver. Weekends present no problems as voluntary drivers are available. Difficulty is experienced in obtaining regular drivers during normal working hours.

Door Chains

6 Door chains were fitted.

Rest Tent

The Rest Tent was again in use during the Town Show and had about 100 visitors daily. This was organised and staffed by the Hedgehogs who have offered their services at the 1972 Town Show.

Office

The Committee now occupy an office at 23, East Street, Farnham, which is manned most mornings by voluntary helpers. There have been about 100 calls, mostly seeking help, some, however, off-putting it. During the recent Fuel and Power crisis, firewood and night lights were available.

By expending money on publicity, more people would be made aware of the existence of this office.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

Facilities for advice on marital problems are provided by the Guildford & District Marriage Guidance Council. Skilled counsellors are available, by appointment, at the interviewing room at No.3 Victoria Rd, Farnham, but requests should be made in the first instance either by telephone to Guildford 66294 or by letter to the branch's office at 40A, Castle Street, Guildford.

The statistics for work in the Farnham District during 1971 are as follows:-

Total number of interviews	81
New cases	18
No. of children under 16	25

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

A Family Planning Clinic is held at the Farnham Hospital every Wednesday evening from 6.30 p.m. and at the Farnham Health Centre every Monday at 9.30.a.m. Specially qualified Doctors and Nurses give advice on birth control.

287 patients visited the Farnham centres during the year for the first time. 2145 visits were made for advice on birth control.

Patients are referred by Family Doctors, Local Authorities etc., and many visits are made on the patients own initiative. Engaged couples and single persons are given advice as well as married couples.

Where a reference is made on medical grounds, advice and treatment may be free, otherwise a small charge is made.

Appointments can be made by telephoning Farnham 21502.

FARNHAM CHEST COMMITTEE FOR CHEST & HEART DISEASES

This voluntary organisation continually assists chest and heart sufferers by providing additional commodities essential for their well-being. Mrs. Sidney Smith continues her excellent work as Chairman and will be pleased to receive names and addresses of chest and heart patients at her address at 20, Castle Street, Farnham - Telephone Farnham 6037.

New members are always welcome to the Committee. Representatives from Cancer Relief, Ladies Clubs, W.R.V.S., Townswomens Guild, The Lion Clubs, Hedgehogs and 1st Group are serving on the Committee. Hospital, local and county council staff are represented by the Chest Physician, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, a Health Visitor and Social Worker.

FARNHAM CARE COMMITTEE FOR CHEST & HEART DISEASES continued:

Financial support, which is always welcome, comes from the County Council, Farnham Urban District Council, as well as from voluntary contributors. Fund raising by the Committee is a major activity and contributes largely to the ability of the organisation to give additional nourishments and fuel so essential to people suffering from chest and heart conditions.

A stall in the Maltings market last December proved successful in raising additional funds, and the Committee are grateful to those who gave their support. Contributions towards the cost of running the bus from Farnham to Milford Chest Hospital are particularly welcome as this essential service is the only means by which some people may visit relatives (anyone who has been ill in hospital knows how much it means to see their relatives).

18+ Group has been particularly active and gave much pleasure to chest and heart patients in arranging a bus trip for them. 18+ members took them from home to the bus and tea was provided at Edgeborough School. They also raised the money for a portable oxygen cylinder which can give very great relief to those receiving treatment at home. These energetic supporters report they hope to repeat the bus trip and continue to raise funds for the Care Committee.

The Committee is very grateful to all who give their time as well as their financial support.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham, is the infectious disease hospital for this area, but also admits patients from other districts. It was not necessary to make extensive use of infectious disease beds during the year.

Incidence of Notified Infectious Disease

(Other than Tuberculosis) 1971

Infectious Diseases	At all ages	Under 1 yr	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 65	65 and over	Age Unknown	Cases admitted to hospital
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	11	2	1	1	-	2	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mening-ococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Virus Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-

Close exchange of information between practitioners and the Public Health Department is augmented by the circulation of a weekly return to all doctors practising in the area, and others concerned, of cases coming to the notice of the Medical Officer of Health during the period; information on matters of special interest is also passed in this way.

Smallpox

Routine inspection was made into every person arriving from abroad not in possession of a valid international vaccination certificate. International Certification of vaccination, renewable every three years, are required for all persons travelling to countries where smallpox is endemic, in practice this means most countries except Western Europe.

Smallpox vaccination is offered to infants after the first birthday.

VACCINATION AND EXAMINATION

Smallpox prediction throughout the world has been a major programme for the World Health Organisation which has been carried out with considerable success. The chances of introduction of smallpox into Britain have been diminished, and the general public are less likely to be exposed to the disease than ever before. Vaccination is a reliable means of protection against smallpox, only occasionally causing complications in early childhood. The possibility of contracting smallpox in Britain is proportionately less than the risk of complications from vaccination in childhood, therefore it is not now considered that routine vaccination in childhood should be recommended. Those travelling to countries where smallpox is endemic should still be vaccinated; if they have small children or there are reasons against vaccination being carried out they should seek advice.

Travelling abroad in the summer months increases in popularity yearly. As conditions become more crowded there is greater risk that travellers may contract or be in close contact with those suffering from Typhoid or Paratyphoid, and it is advisable to seek protection by vaccination before leaving this country.

The Surrey County Council continues to offer primary immunisation programmes at all Infant Welfare Clinics as follows:-

6 months	1st dose	Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough; also Polio.
8 months	2nd dose	ditto.
12 months	3rd dose	ditto.
16 months - 3 years		Measles
5 years		Boosting dose - Diphtheria/Tetanus & Polio.
1[illegible] years		B.C.G. - Anti T.B. vaccination. This follows Heaf test which is carried out at school.
15 years		Tetanus and Polio.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

Dental Treatment

Inspection of school childrens' teeth is carried out annually. Treatment is offered if required and an appointment given for children to attend in school hours.

The prime objective of the school dental service is conservative and accordingly, it is probably just as important to have teeth filled in the early stages of decay as it is to extract them when they are diseased beyond cure. Extractions may be done under a local or a general anaesthetic according to the advice of the dental officer. Many children suffer from dental irregularities which can also be rectified by dental treatment, including the provision of orthodontic appliances made to bring the teeth into the normal line.

[illegible] dental treatment under the school [illegible] of [illegible] and is [illegible] at the Health Centre, the dentist being available by appointment on the days and times as shown in the list of clinics.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

The County Council continues responsibility and care of children at school, through the Education Committee, in close co-operation with other Health Services of the County Council. Physically and mentally handicapped children who have been observed by doctors and nurses during pre-school years, will be given every opportunity to enjoy the education best suited to their needs. All children will continue to be seen at school by the same medical and dental officer, also the health visitor whom they knew at Welfare Clinics.

Routine school medical inspections are carried out in primary, junior and secondary schools. The first medical inspection takes place within the first year of school life. Parents are invited to attend the inspection and are encouraged to discuss any problems with the doctor.

Minor defects are re-examined from time to time in school. Any defects of hearing or vision may be further investigated at the audiology or ophthalmic clinics of the County Council. Children with conditions requiring medical treatment are referred to their own doctor.

Those children who, because of physical or mental disability, are not making expected progress in school are offered all the facilities of S.C.C. to ascertain their specific needs in order to enable them to derive maximum benefit from their education.

TUBERCULOSIS

Patients suffering from tuberculosis were visited during the year by the Special Health Visitor. Advice to prevent the spread of infection was given. Satisfactory housing accommodation is considered of great importance and, where necessary, special reports are made to the Council.

124 persons were tubercular tested and 57 received B.C.G. vaccination at the Farnham Chest Clinic.

Details of cases on record in this area are as follows:-

	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTALS		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
No. on Register at 31.12.70.	42	34	3	7	45	41	86
New Notifications	4	-	-	1	4	1	5
Transfers from other areas	2	-	-	-	2	-	2
	48	34	3	8	51	42	93
Recovered and removed from Register	1	1	-	-	1	1	2
Transferred to another area	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
	46	33	3	8	49	41	90

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ON ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

HOUSING

General

The responsibility for ensuring that houses are fit for occupation is one of the main functions of the Public Health Inspectors and one in which they can claim extensive experience. In order to achieve this they are concerned with the carrying out of any necessary repairs and the improvement of houses.

The sections of the Housing Acts dealing with the closing and demolition of houses which cannot be rendered fit at a reasonable expense are also administered by your Inspectors'.

Most of the complaints received in connection with housing defects are dealt with by informal action, in fact a number of the less serious complaints are often resolved following talks with the owner concerned. Repairs to 24 houses were undertaken following the service of informal written notices.

Statutory Notices were served on the owner of two cottages to undertake repair work. The works were not carried out within the time limit as laid down in the Notices and it was necessary to institute legal proceedings. Prior to the court hearing, the houses became vacant and the summonses were withdrawn on payment by the owner of the Council's legal fees amounting to £15.00. The cottages were subsequently repaired and re-let.

Housing Survey

A survey of the older type properties in the district to ascertain the number of houses lacking the standard amenities of a bathroom etc. was commenced at the beginning of 1970 and completed at the end of 1971. The report presented to the Council is reproduced herewith:

"The survey of the whole area has now been completed and making adjustments for improvements undertaken during the course of the survey, the total number of dwellings lacking some or all of the standard amenities is 728, 466 of these properties being tenanted, the remaining 262 being owner/occupied or vacant.

These figures are decreasing all the time, in fact, work is already in progress in regard to a number of properties included in the above figures.

Unless owners have expressed a definite view that they do not wish to improve their properties, they have been sent the Ministry's booklet "Money to Modernise your Home" and, in addition, the owners of tenanted properties have been sent the booklet entitled "House Improvements and Rents". A covering letter has also been sent with these booklets stating that the Council wish to encourage improvement of houses lacking modern amenities and asking that consideration be given to this matter. It has also been mentioned, should any further information be required, arrangements can be made for a meeting at the property to discuss the matter in more detail. A number of grant applications have resulted from this procedure.

Housing Survey continued:

More owner/occupiers are taking advantage of the improvement scheme but it may seem surprising that there are over 200 houses in this category not improved. A large number of these are occupied by elderly people who do not wish for the disturbance incurred in undertaking improvements.

The vast majority of the older type properties on becoming vacant, are being modernised with the aid of an improvement grant. This results in the main that the houses are no longer occupied by tenants, thus reducing the number of properties available for letting.

There has been less response for grants in respect of tenanted properties - there would appear to be two main reasons for this. From the tenants viewpoint, the rent increase have been found to be in the region of 3/4 times the existing controlled rent and from the owner's viewpoint, the long period of rent phasing. It is hoped that proposed future legislation will help in overcoming these difficulties.

Again it must be appreciated that owners of some of the properties, for various reasons, wish to redevelop the sites on the properties becoming vacant.

A record is being kept of all the properties lacking modern amenities and this is proving very useful when dealing with improvement grant enquiries from owners and prospective purchasers of houses in the district."

Improvement Grants

The total number of Improvement Grant applications approved during 1971 was 87, this shows an increase over the figure of 77 for 1970. Out of the total of 87 grants approved, 69 were in respect of owner/occupied houses or vacant properties, the remaining 18 were tenanted properties. 61 were Discretionary Grants and 26 were Standard Grants.

The total amount of grant money approved for payment was approximately £42,000.

As mentioned previously, a number of the applications received were following visits to properties in connection with the Housing Survey.

It is considered that steady progress is being made in this field of housing and it is hoped that the number of applications will continue at the present rate.

Again this year at the Councils Exhibit at the Town Show, publicity was given to the Improvement Grant Scheme and the Department of the Environment' Improvement Grant Mobile Exhibition van was stationed in the Cattle Market Car Park during the first week in September.

Qualification Certificate

There has been 8 applications for Qualification Certificates in respect of properties already complying with the necessary standard prior to the introduction of the Housing Act 1969 and in each case a qualification certificate has been issued. This compares with 5 issued during 1970.

There has also been 2 combined applications for Improvement Grants and Provisional Qualification Certificates and these have all been approved. This is two less than issued in 1970.

This is a new type of certificate introduced in the Housing Act 1969 and is necessary before an application can be made to the Rent Officer for a change from a controlled to regulated tenancy.

Rent Act, 1957

No application for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year under review.

Unfit Properties Demolished

One property subject to a Demolition Order and another property subject to a Closing Order were demolished.

Four properties in East Street which were unfit for human habitation and had been bought by the Council for re-development of the site were also demolished.

It is the Councils policy wherever possible to encourage the re-conditioning of the older type of cottage property as opposed to demolition.

Houses in Multiple Occupation

There are signs that this type of accommodation is on the increase; in two cases it was necessary to serve informal notices to improve the facilities. Also informal action was taken in respect of four properties to improve the means of escape in case of fire; in one case the work has been completed and in the other three cases, indication has been given that the notices will be complied with. In the case of two other properties it was necessary, following consultation with the Fire Prevention Officer, to serve statutory notices under the provisions of the Housing Act 1961 to improve the means of escape in case of fire.

Problems can arise from this type of letting and wherever possible, owners are encouraged to convert their properties to form self-contained units of accommodation. Improvement Grants are available for this type of work.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

There are still a number of employers who do not appear to be aware of the necessity of registration under the provisions of this Act and registration is often only obtained through the vigilance of your Inspectors.

The administration of this Act continues to run smoothly and no great difficulties have arisen during 1971.

The total number of premises registered at the end of the year was 384 which shows an increase of 21 on last years figure.

The following tables give details of premises registered, inspections undertaken and contraventions found:-

A. Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year.
Offices	8	115	41
Retail Shops	8	231	100
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses,	2	8	3
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens,	2	28	19
Fuel Storage Depots	-	2	1
	20	384	164

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES UNDER THE ACT - 238

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 continued:

B. Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Number of Contraventions found		Section	Number of Contraventions found	
4	Cleanliness	2	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	1	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)	-
6	Temperature	-	15	Eating facilities	-
7	Ventilation	2	16	Floors, passage & stairs	5
8	Lighting	3	17	Fencing exposted parts machinery	-
9	Sanitary conveniences	19	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing facilities	5	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of drinking water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing accommodation	1	24	First Aid	20
				Other matters	24
				TOTAL	82

The total number of 82 contraventions shows an increase in the figure of 23 for 1971 but a number of these were of a minor nature such as incomplete first aid kits and absence of thermometers etc.

C. Reported Accidents

The following is an analysis of the accidents reported:

	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses
Falls of persons	2	1
Handling goods	5	-
Use of hand tools	2	-
Not otherwise specified	1	-
TOTALS	10	1

In cases where it was considered necessary, an investigation was undertaken and recommendations made to obviate the risk of a further accident.

It is thought that a number of employers are still not notifying accidents as laid down under the provisions of the Act.

SHOPS ACT, 1950
SHOPS (EARLY CLOSING DAY) ACT 1965.

In visits to shops in connection with other duties, it was necessary to draw the attention of shopkeepers to minor contraventions of these Acts.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

In all the conveniences wash basins are fitted and at the Central Car Park wash and brush up facilities are provided.

Since the introduction of decimal coinage no charge has been made for the use of the conveniences.

It has been agreed that during 1972 an extension be constructed at the rear of the existing public conveniences in the Central Car Park to provide a convenience for disabled persons.

Every effort is made to maintain the conveniences to a good standard which the public quite rightly expect,but it is disheartening to the staff responsible when a small minority of people still persist in damaging fittings and spoiling decoration.

SWIMMING POOLS

Routine samples of swimming bath waters were taken from the Council's two swimming baths, Woodlarks Camp Site and at school swimming baths in the area.

A total of 38 samples were collected and submitted for bacteriological examination. In six cases the results were found to be slightly below the recommended standard and in each case, advice was given on methods of treatment.

In addition to taking samples for bacteriological examination, checks were made to ascertain the chlorine contents and pH value of the water.

A total of 71 visits were made to the various swimming pools in the district and with the increase in the number of school pools, it is found that the amount of time spent on this aspect of the work during the summer months is increasing.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Three premises were licensed as pet shops. The premises were kept under supervision and no difficulties were experienced.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Two premises were registered under the provisions of this Act. Routine inspections have been made and conditions found to be satisfactory.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACTS 1964 & 1970

This Act requires that all riding establishments shall be licensed with the local authority and regulates the conditions under which horses shall be kept at such premises.

Three riding establishments in this district have been licensed, following inspection by the Council's Consultant Veterinary Surgeon.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

The number of premises registered is one and the number of registered itinerant dealers is three.

FACTORIES

The following tables give details of the administration of the Factories Act 1961 during the year:-

(1) Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (Non-mechanical)	0	0	-	-
Factories (Mechanical)	120	42	-	-
Other Premises	12	6	-	-
TOTAL	132	48	-	-

Following two verbal notices, satisfactory sanitary accommodation was provided on two large building sites.

(2) Outworkers

During the year, three notifications of outworkers was received, all doing work in connection with wearing apparel.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

At the end of the year, the number of site licences in operation in the district was ten. With the exception of one site for six caravans, these are all in respect of individual caravans, a number of these being on building plots. Two new licences were issued during 1971 and three caravans removed, the site licences not being renewed. All sites were maintained to a satisfactory standard and no difficulties were experienced.

(a) Rodent Control

One rodent operator is employed by the Council and he continues to deal with all complaints promptly and efficiently. The service is free in respect of work undertaken at dwelling houses but a charge is made when work is carried out at business premises.

Details of rodent control work are summarised as follows:-

	NON-AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES.	AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification:	436	11
Number infested by (i) Rats	241	8
(ii) Mice	102	3
Total number of properties inspected for rats/and/or mice for reasons other than notification:	322	12
Number infested by (i) Rats	40	1
(ii) Mice	25	-

14 Annual and 60 immediate contracts were undertaken in respect of business premises, hospitals, schools, farms etc., a charge being made for this work. This shows an increase of 20 immediate contracts on the 1970 figures.

(b) Wasps

During the year, 331 wasps' nests were destroyed; this service was inaugerated in 1958 and the previous highest number of nests destroyed in any one year was 166 last year.

During the summer months it was not possible to deal with all the requests received and this did cause a number of complaints from members of the public. The position is that this is not a statutory duty of the Council but is a service provided to help overcome the problem. There are private contractors in the area who are prepared to undertake the work but their charges are generally in excess of the 75p charged by the Council. It is not possible for the Department to recruit extra labour for this work for the short period when it is required and should again in ensuing summers, a large number of requests be received, it is inevitable that there will be delays in dealing with them; in fact, no undertaking can be given that it will be possible to deal with every request.

(c) Other Pests

The Department is called upon to give advice on a number of household pests. During the year, at the request of the occupiers, 32 premises were treated on a rechargeable basis for the treatment of ants, beetles, cockroaches and fleas.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

During the year, 10 visits were made in connection with complaints of noise nuisance.

Following complaints from a local resident an approach was made to a firm in the Trading Estate and they employed a noise consultant to investigat the problem. The consultants recommended that sound attenuators be fitted to the air outlets to the granule mills and the work was subsequently undertaken

WATER SUPPLY

The public water supply in the area is provided by the Mid-Southern Water Company, who submit routine samples for examination. Chemical analysis is carried out quarterly and bacteriological samples are examined weekly. The results of these checks continued to be satisfactory throughout the year. In addition, during 1970 the Health Inspectors obtained 4 samples for bacteriological examination, all of which proved satisfactory.

The flouride content of the water supply is low (less than 0.1 part per million) and there has been no evidence of any plumbo-solvent action.

There is only one property in the district which has no main water supply.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service is under the control of the Engineer & Surveyor who has kindly submitted the following details:

(a) Household refuse

The refuse yield in 1971 was 75,000 - 80,000 cu.yds. or approximately 8,000 tons. During the year a refuse analysis was carried out and it was notable that the cinder ash content was much reduced when compared with the national figure for previous years, obviously as the result of the use of other fuels in newer properties. Packaging material was much in evidence with its resultant increase in refuse volume, and with fewer properties being erected without open fires for disposal in the house, this must become a further problem in the years to come considering storage between collections.

Although the refuse bin continues to be the standard storage receptacle, residents on new estates are purchasing refuse sack holders which afford advantages for collection, and this system is to be encouraged. It is probably that with the increasing volume of refuse it will be necessary to issue two sacks per week.

(b) Refuse Disposal

In order to exercise the option in respect of 9 acres of sandpit at Weydon Lane which is earmarked in the town map as a recreational area beyond 1971, tipping was resumed in September 1971. Considering the problems experienced by adjoining residents in 1966, when tipping was last carried out, close control is being exercised.

(c) Civic Amenities Act

As part of the tipping operations at Weydon Lane, a civic dump has been established for the use of persons living in the Urban District for disposal of bulky household articles.

DRAINAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

I am indebted to Mr. N.P. Youldon the Council's Engineer & Surveyor for supplying the following details:-

This year has been a notable one in the Council's history considering the amount of work which has been carried out to improve the drainage of the Urban District, and perhaps in many ways the improvements can only rank with those works carried out in the mid-1880s.

The first stage of the Sewage Works Extensions commenced mid-1970 and was completed in December 1971. This will be followed in April 1972 by the completion of the sludge pressing plant.

Main drainage in the South Street, Longbridge, Church Meadows and The Hatches area where 33" to 18" diameter pipes were laid to replace the 12" sewer, was also completed, and it is not surprising that the problems of surcharge on surface at The Hatches and Lower Church Lane have ceased.

The new development at Hale - 540 Council houses and 300 houses for sale - also brought its problems, and a new surface water sewer discharging to the streams in the Park and a relief foul sewer connecting the existing sewer in Upper Hale Road in the vicinity of Hale Recreation Ground to the Sewage Works, have been completed.

All these works were not without their problems and apart from those experienced due to difficult ground conditions, dealing with vehicular traffic proved quite difficult.

Although the larger drainage schemes make far more visual impact,equally important are the smaller schemes perhaps dealing with only a few properties, and amongst these are Rowhills drainage, Lickfolds Road and Frensham Vale, necessary to eliminate cesspools and septic tanks and the attendant pollution problems.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL ACT,1931

During the year renewal of four consents under the provisions of this Act were issued in respect of tipping at disused sandpits in the area. Three were limited to the tipping of excavated material, builder's rubbish etc., and one was extended to include household refuse and industrial wastes subject to satisfactory conditions being maintained.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

The visits by the Public Health Inspectors to food premises is most important as constant changes are taking place in regard to premises and employees. It gives the opportunity of discussing with food traders their own particular problems.

There is probably more legislation relating to food and drink than any other subject and with the constant changes taking place in the food industry, procedure and techniques have to be constantly reviewed.

More use is being made of refrigerated display cases and deep freeze storage cabinets; it is most important that the termperature control of this equipment is properly maintained. Care should also be observed to see that they are properly sited and are not overloaded.

Shopkeepers and their staff are constantly being advised on the importance of strict stock rotation, especially when handling perishable foods.

The number of visits made during the year to food shops, cafes, canteens, bakehouses etc was 668. In a number of instances, it has been found necessary to remind traders and staff of their responsibilities under the various Acts and Regulations relating to the preparation, handling, storage and labelling of food and due to their co-operation it has been possible to deal with infringements on an informal basis.

In addition to these visits a number of food samples were obtained, details of which are set out later in the report.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Total Food Premises in Area	-	270

Categories or Trades	
Grocers	70
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	9
Butchers	19
Fishmongers	2
Fish Fryers	5
Bakeries & baker's confectionery	10
Confectioners	25
Cafes and Restaurants	21
Public Houses, Hotels and other licensed premises	67
Factory & School Canteens	40
Dairies and Milk Depots	2

Included in the above figures are the following premises which are registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 :-

Storage and Sale of ice-cream	108
Manufacture of Sausages	18
Preservation of Food	18

FOOD COMPLAINTS

There were 28 complaints received concerning foodstuffs purchased by the public. In every case meticulous care was taken to investigate the source and cause of the complaint. Where extraneous matter was found in the food, discussions took place with the manufacturers concerned.

ICE-CREAM

No ice-cream is manufactured in the area, all the shops being supplied by one or other of the larger manufacturers.

Fourteen samples were taken during the year and submitted to the methylene blue test at the Public Health Laboratory, the results being:-

GRADE	I	II	III	IV
No. of Samples	13	1	-	-

A number of mobile vans operate in the district and these are subjected to inspection.

During the year two additional shops were registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream.

MILK SUPPLY

The special designations under which milk is now sold comprise "Pasteurised" "Sterilised", "Ultra Heat Treated" and "Untreated". At the end of the year there were in existance 46 Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk) Licences and 1 Dealer's (Pasteuriser's) Licence. A few retail shops sell sterilised and ultra heat treated milk but, in the main, pasteurised milk is the grade generally sold. Five new Dealer's (Pre-packed Milk) Licences were issued during the year.

In addition to obtaining samples from milk roundsmen, samples were taken weekly from the one H.T.S.T. Pasteurising plant in the district. This plant ceased to operate at the end of August due to reorganisation within the dairy company owning the premises. The total number of samples obtained throughout the area during the year was 107. These were submitted for examination to the Public Health Laboratory at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, and it is pleasing to note that all the results were satisfactory.

A summary of the results is shown in the following table:-

Designation	No. of Samples Tested	Appropriate Tests	No. of Samples		
			Passed	Failed	Void
Pasteurised	104	Methylene Blue	103	-	1
		Phosphatase	104	-	-
Untreated (Farm Bottled)	2	Ring Test	2	-	-
Sterilised	1	Turbidity Test	1	-	-

FOOD INSPECTION

Consignments of foodstuffs suspected of being unfit for human consumption are normally inspected on request or during routine visits to food premises.

Unsound food is collected and disposed of under supervision at the controlled tip.

A detailed list of foods inspected and found unsound during the year is listed below:-

COMMODITY	TON	CWT	LBS
Canned Meats		11	48
Canned Meat & Vegetables			60
Pork			52
Beef		1	69
Lamb			71
Sheeps Liver			7
Ox Kidneys			25
Bacon		8	9
Canned Chicken			3
Canned Frankfurters			4
Canned Fruit		2	61
Canned Fruit Juice			70
Canned Vegetables		5	1
Canned Tomatoes			4
Canned Fish			1
Wet Fish		4	-
Canned Pie Fillings			12
Spaghetti/Macaroni			13
Vegetable Salad			8
Tomato Paste			8
Canned Sponge Pudding			5
Dried Fruit			5
Butter			18
Margarine			8
Lard			8
Tomato Puree/Juice			19
	1	16	29

89 Tins of Soup
2 Tins Golden Syrup
2 Tins Milk Pudding
48 Tins Milk & Cream
34 Ctns Yoghurt
37 Ctns Fresh Cream
2 Pkts Rice
2 Pkts Cereal
½ gal. jar Roll Mop Herrings
916 Pkts. Frozen Foods.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD

Mr. J.A. Palgrave continued to act as Public Analyst to the Authority and his help and guidance is much appreciated.

During the year under review a total number of 75 samples were obtained and submitted for analysis. 7 of these were formal milk samples, the remaining 68 being informal samples of various foods.

In four instances it was necessary to write to manufacturers regarding the labelling of their product.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are no slaughterhouses in the district.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1968

No slaughtermen's licences were issued in 1971.

GAME DEALERS

Eight licences to deal in game were issued.

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